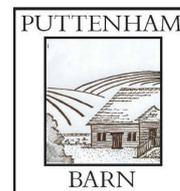


PUTTENHAM ECO CAMPING BARN

Newsletter – Summer 2016



Dear Friend

In keeping with our usual arrangements, we officially re-opened on Good Friday. This was an early start to the season and our first visitors - and wardens - were grateful for the extra bedding on offer!

Despite this chilly start to our open season March and April proved to be popular months. We have not only welcomed some intrepid solo cyclists and walkers but we have also been pleased to host several sole use bookings – long-distance cycling groups, university reunions as well as parties of local children enjoying a lovely walk through the countryside to the barn for an exciting overnight stay with their friends. One intrepid grandfather recently returned with a group of youngsters for the umpteenth time!

Forthcoming Events:

- **Annual 'Round the Hogs Back Cycle Ride' led by local cyclist Martin Taplin** – this ride takes place on Sunday 19 June. For further details of the event, which will include a refreshment stop at the barn, please contact Martin on 01483 504926.
- **Heritage Week 2016** – as part of this event the barn will be open on Saturday 10 September. Volunteers to help for a couple of hours or more on the day are very welcome, please contact Hilary.
- **Guildford WalkFest, Saturday 17 September to Sunday 2 October** – Keith Chesterton will be leading the Puttenham Barn walk on Saturday 1 October. For further details nearer the time follow the link on the Guildford Borough Council web site or contact us.
- **Work parties** – we will hold our mid-summer work party on Saturday 6 August. If you are willing to help but think you might not be on the active supporters list then please let Hilary know and she will ensure you are sent further details nearer the date.

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Our web master Alec McCalden continues to look after our web site from the Netherlands. During a recent visit to Puttenham Alec reiterated that he is always eager for people to suggest improvements to the web site. Alec also indicated he would be happy to give the responsibility of editing the website to someone living closer to Puttenham, to make sure that the web site was kept up to date with local knowledge. He would be happy to act as a mentor to someone who would like to decide and build what appears, but who is not yet confident about how to go about it and is prepared to learn. If you feel you can give the commitment to be the Barn's web site editor, and would like to give it a go, please get in touch, initially with Hilary.
- Volunteer wardens are always keenly sought. If you think this could be of interest please get in touch – with no obligation.
- Our fixed appliance testing needs to be carried out every 5 years, we would be very pleased to hear from an electrician who is qualified to do this work and is willing to offer their services.
- We always have a wide range of further volunteering opportunities; if you would like to be actively involved in this worthwhile project please contact us for a chat.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 10 June, The Marwick (small) Hall, School Lane, Puttenham GU3 1AR

Please accept this newsletter as your personal invitation to our AGM. The agenda with further details is attached.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

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